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## 'A WINNIPEG STORY'

Docudrama on beloved goaltender Terry Sawchuk debuts Saturday **metroNEWS**

From left: Actors Daniel McIntyre-Ridd, 17, Matthew Lupu, 13, and the film's director Danny Schur. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

## Obstructed views frustrating for fans

**SPORTS**  
**Newly-added loge seating a problem for hockey lovers**



**Dave Baxter**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Improvements made at MTS Centre has resulted in highly obstructed views for some upper deck season ticket holders, and they're not impressed.

Loge seating was added onto the end of the arena's upper deck, and several people who took in Tuesday's exhibition game between the Winnipeg Jets and Minnesota Wild got a shock when they found they are now watching the action with an obstructed view.

"We knew that the loge seats were coming and we feared the worst," said David Lawrence, who sits in Section 318, Row 2.

"But we had no idea that the obstruction would be as significant as it is."

Lawrence said he now has



**A fan's obstructed view from section 318, row 2.** CONTRIBUTED

to look around glass and metal framing to get a view of the ice, and can't see one of the goal nets.

"Moving us is what I think an appropriate response from True North would be."

Winnipeg Jets spokesman Scott Brown said complaints about the obstructed views have been coming into the TNSE office. Everyone in the first and second row of the MTS Centre upper deck was offered first crack at the new loge seating, but many declined because those seats came with a P1 section price tag, said Brown.

Brown said they are looking for a solution. He said TNSE will continue to work with upset fans toward this end.


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## Program helps First Nations students navigate Winnipeg

### CULTURE SHOCK

### Co-ordinator says youth can find city to be overwhelming



**Shane Gibson**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Recent high school grads from Peguis First Nation, making the move to Winnipeg for post-secondary school, are getting a hand in the transition with a pilot program that may end up expanding to help students from First Nations across Manitoba in the future.

Nineteen students have been taking part in the first Peguis First Nation Post-secondary Indigenous Transition Program, hosted by the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU), since August.

Clairissa Kelly, the program's co-ordinator and student counsellor, said coming into the city for school can be an overwhelming experience for students from rural reserves.

"For one, they're relocating to the city in a new environment away from their family," she said. "But there's also the skills piece where they need to know how to navigate universities and colleges and where to apply for funding, how to

(write) resumés and all those sorts of things."

The program runs for 10 months and was designed by the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. The pilot is funded through the Peguis First Nation School Board.

Nineteen-year-old Stephanie Sinclair is taking part in the program after having to quit her first attempt at university last year when the stress began affecting her grades.

"I had major culture shock," she said of the move. "I was living on my own, I had my own apartment ... and I guess it hit me emotionally. I felt lonely."

The program includes life skills training, a cultural awareness component, as well as university courses accredited through CMU that are transferable to other universities or to additional CMU programs.

Sinclair hopes to return to the University of Manitoba after the program and continue her education in the hopes of becoming a pharmacist.

She said she's already feeling more confident she can make it, and that's exactly what Kelly hopes to hear from all participants at the end of the pilot.

If it's successful, Kelly said it may be expanded and opened up to bands provincially.



**Stephanie Sinclair, 19, is taking part in the first Peguis First Nation Post-secondary Indigenous Transition Program, hosted by the Canadian Mennonite University.** DAVE BAXTER/METRO

### IN BRIEF

#### Truck driver facing charges in death of three teens

A 28-year-old truck driver from Winnipeg who is facing charges in a crash that killed three teenagers from Carrot River, Sask., has had his case adjourned until later next month.

Normand Lavoie did not enter a plea on charges of criminal negligence causing death during a brief court appearance Tuesday in a Melfort court. He will be back before a judge on Oct. 20.

The boys were on their way home from a football camp when their car was rear-ended by a semi-tractor trailer in a construction zone near Spalding, Sask.

Justin Gaja, 14, Kristian Skalicky, 15, and Carter Stevenson, 17, all died at the scene. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Charges laid after motorcyclist fatally injured

A man from Kelowna, B.C. has been charged after a crash in a western Manitoba town that killed another B.C. man. The collision involving a pickup truck and a motorcycle occurred Aug. 31 at an intersection in Swan River community.

RCMP say a 30-year-old Prince George resident who was riding the bike died in hospital.

The truck driver was not hurt.

Jackson Dewey Lund, who is 23, is facing two charges that include impaired driving causing death. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## COMMUNITY

## Councillor against library motion



**Dave Baxter**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Coun. Ross Eadie says the city doesn't need to push forward any plans to build a new library in Old Kildonan.

The city recently announced a new strategy that looks to upgrade or replace a number of Winnipeg's aging libraries.

The city's strategy says funding for a new library in the Old Kildonan area should be included in the city's budget in 2021, but in July Old Kildonan Coun. Devi Sharma put forth a motion asking the city's administration to report back in the fall with options to move the date of funding from 2021 to 2017.

"I would appreciate if you would just shut this down,"

said Eadie while speaking about the motion at Wednesday's Executive Policy Committee meeting.

"I find it very offensive how this is being presented."

The West Kildonan Library at 365 Jefferson Ave. currently services the area, but because of ward boundary changes is not technically in the ward, and Sharma thinks the library, which was built in the 1960s, has seen better days.

"Saying that Old Kildonan doesn't have a library. I have a problem with that," said Eadie.

There are a number of city run facilities not technically in Old Kildonan that still service the area including the West Kildonan Library, said Eadie.

Eadie said circulation is high at West Kildonan Library so the library "is obviously meeting the need."



**I would appreciate if you would just shut this down. I find it very offensive how this is being presented.**

Coun. Ross Eadie

## ACADEMY ROAD

## Clinic clears another hurdle at city hall

A controversial development set for Academy Road has taken another step forward.

On Wednesday the city's executive policy committee approved a zoning agreement for a proposed dermatology clinic that would be built at the corner of Academy Road and Lindsay Street.

A number of residents and business owners in the area are opposed to the clinic because they say it is too large for the lot it would go on,

doesn't match the character of the area, and the amount of people that will come to it on a daily basis will cause traffic and parking headaches.

Many opposed have put up signs on their properties that say Transparency on Academy, and a petition against the development had about 800 signatures as of last week.

The zoning agreement still has to get council approval.

DAVE BAXTER/METRO



**ORDER OF CANADA CHANTAL KREVIASUK HONOURED** Governor General David Johnston presents the Order of Canada to Winnipeg singer-songwriter Chantal Kreviazuk and her husband Raine Maida during an investiture ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Wednesday. Kreviazuk is known not only for her music but for her humanitarian efforts. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Manitoba NDP caucus meets amid bad polls

## POLITICS

### Internal battle for Selinger resignation is over: Howard

Manitoba's governing New Democrats emerged from a two-day caucus retreat Wednesday expressing confidence that they have turned a corner on a year filled with infighting, low poll numbers and a brain drain.

The 35-member caucus received more bad polling news, but also saw research show-

ing that the party might turn things around before a provincial election slated for April 19.

"What we know is that we have a lot of work to do with Manitobans," Education Minister James Allum said. "But I also feel really confident coming out of this caucus retreat that we're focused and we know the things we need to do to communicate to Manitobans that we're on their side."

The NDP has been trailing the Opposition Progressive Conservatives since the government broke a campaign promise and raised the provincial sales tax in 2013. At last summer's retreat, caucus

members were told the party could lose more than half its seats. Some of Premier Greg Selinger's most senior caucus members told him he should resign for the good of the party.

When Selinger refused to go, five senior cabinet ministers went public with their challenge to him. The premier survived the ensuing leadership vote by a 33-vote margin.

Jennifer Howard, one of the ministers who challenged Selinger, said the internal battle is over.

"That is behind us. There has always been more that unites our caucus."

Howard and the others who

challenged Selinger stepped down from their ministerial portfolios last fall. Howard and one other rebel — Andrew Swan — have since decided to run for re-election under Selinger and were unopposed at nomination meetings in the spring.

The caucus was presented at the closed-door meeting with internal research on how the public feels about the party and what might be done to revive NDP fortunes. Allum signalled an advertising blitz is coming that will target Opposition Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister.

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# Hearing Trees seeing words first



The Winnipeg rock band celebrates the release of *Dear Sahara* on Oct. 2, at the West End Cultural Centre. CONTRIBUTED

## BACKSTAGE PASS

### Band's second EP helped frontman find his footing

**Jared Story**  
For Metro | Winnipeg

For Graham Hnatiuk, the pen is mightier than the music.

Hnatiuk, frontman of Winnipeg rock band Hearing Trees, is a lyrics-first songwriter. A poet and a member of Winnipeg's spoken word community, Hnatiuk articulates his thoughts before he plugs in his amp.

"I wait until I have a cool line and then I try to fit it into a song somehow," says Hnatiuk, 29.

"The melody and the feeling of the song need to match the words and the words can be magnified in their importance if you put them to the right music.

"Otherwise, they just

evaporate and it's just words over some chords. That emotional connection is really important to me and that's what I strive for."

Formed in 2013, Hearing Trees is composed of Hnatiuk, bassist Joel Heidinger, guitarists David Huffman and Carey J Buss and drummer Kyle Kunkel.

The band, which has been compared to The Tragically Hip and Interpol, released its second EP, *Dear Sahara*, on Aug. 28.

Produced by former Les Jupes frontman Michael P Falk, *Dear Sahara* is linked together by a letter-writing theme and features handwritten lyrics, liner notes and sketches by Hnatiuk.

Hnatiuk, who deals with depression, dropped out of university in 2009 after a serious episode. It was after that that Hnatiuk decided to devote himself fully to his art.

However, music didn't immediately help Hnatiuk's mental health.

"It didn't help at first that I sucked," Hnatiuk says. "I knew what I wanted to be

## + HOW TO GO

Hearing Trees celebrates the release of *Dear Sahara* at the West End Cultural Centre on Friday, Oct. 2. Alfa and Micah Visser open the show. Tickets are \$10 at the WECC, Ticketfly, Music Trader and Winnipeg Folk Festival Music Store or \$15 at the door. Showtime is 8 p.m.

and I knew I was really far off. But now that I've got somewhat successful at it, it's the only thing that feels like it has a meaningful purpose."

Hnatiuk says live music allows a connection with people that no other art form can offer.

"You can't get it from going to an art gallery. You can't get it from even listening to music. There's this thing that happens with people's eyes. It's completely unique to being onstage and having people be receptive to your music," Hnatiuk says.

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# Terry Sawchuk's life told in film

DOCUDRAMA

**Filmmaker premieres film at arena named after subject**



**Shane Gibson**  
Metro | Winnipeg

As a Ukrainian-Canadian who grew up playing goalie in Winnipeg, filmmaker Danny Schur knew he'd found his next project when a friend told him about Terry Sawchuk.

Especially because that friend lives in Edmonton, and it's a story Schur didn't know.

"I knew there was an arena named after him, but it didn't dawn on me who Terry was until this friend asked why I wasn't doing something on him," Schur, 49, said in advance of the premier of his new movie *Made in Winnipeg: The Terry Sawchuk Origin Story*.

"So I discovered the legacy and thought if someone my age from Winnipeg doesn't know about him, then everybody younger doesn't know either."

Also a Ukrainian-Canadian, Sawchuk was born and raised in East Kildonan and went on to play 21 seasons in the NHL as a goalie for several teams including the Detroit Red Wings, the Boston Bruins and the Toronto Maple Leafs from the 1950s through the 70s.

He was on four Stanley Cup winning teams, was awarded the Calder Trophy, won 447 regular-season games, registered a longtime record 103 shutouts and is a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

While Schur found plenty of history on Sawchuk after he



**Matthew Lupu, 13, and Daniel McIntyre-Ridd, 17, in *The Terry Sawchuk Origin Story*.** CONTRIBUTED

## + MORE INFO

Made in Winnipeg: The Terry Sawchuk Origin Story premieres Saturday 8 p.m. at, fittingly enough, Terry Sawchuk Memorial Arena at 901 Kimberly Ave. Admission is free and limited-edition copies of the film are available for \$20 with net proceeds going to the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame.

left Winnipeg and became a famous hockey player, there wasn't much about his life here.

"All the Winnipeg things weren't known, so that's what the film deals with," he said. "It is absolutely a Winnipeg story."

The movie runs around 26 minutes and is a docudrama that follows Sawchuk's two actual grown sons, Terrance and Jerry Sawchuk, as they come to Winnipeg to learn about their father's roots in the city.

It includes reenactments of Terry (played by Matthew Lupu, 13) growing up with his brother, Mitch (played by Daniel McIntyre-Ridd, 17).

Schur said finding talented young actors who both looked like Terry and Mitch and could

play hockey was a challenge and he calls Lupu and McIntyre-Ridd — who look the part and know their way around a pair of skates — "a gift from God".

Lupu, who plays goalie in Winnipeg and hopes to make his A1 team this year, tells Metro the most challenging part of playing a young Sawchuk was using 1940s-era equipment.

"Especially the skates, because the skates felt like the sides were made of paper, my ankles were wobbling and it hurt so much," he said. "And I was just the goalie. I can't imagine the players having to skate around the rink like that."



**The movie premieres this weekend.** CONTRIBUTED

PHOTOGRAPHY

## Winnipeg's Luckygirl Pop Up Shop now part of Nuit Blanche

**Nigel Moore**  
For Metro | Winnipeg

Following them on Instagram or Etsy is one thing, but fans of local artists and designers will get an opportunity to connect in person with Winnipeg's cultural elite this weekend, when a pop up shop appears in Old Market Square.

It will be the fifth seasonal Luckygirl Pop Up Shop curated by local photographers and business partners Mairén Kops and Rachael King, but the first as

part of the annual Culture Days Manitoba weekend and Nuit Blanche Winnipeg.

The shop will feature 30 vendors, some with their own established following. They will be exhibiting their art, clothing, jewelry and accessories, drawings, letterpress, screen printing and even leather goods — pretty much anything that takes creativity and can be made by hand.

Kops described the vendors as being down to earth and without pretensions, which is a Winnipeg mindset among artists.

"Everyone is supportive

of one another's work," she said. "We're artists ourselves. These are clearly talented people who are making amazing things."

"We've built up a nice little community of makers and artists who have come together to support one another," added King.

"What they're doing is art, more so than just commerce. The shop will be a perfect fit with the celebration of arts and culture going on."

The Luckygirl Pop Up Shop will be open Saturday, 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. for Nuit Blanche and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.



**Mairén Kops, at left, and Rachael King are curators of the Luckygirl Pop Up Shop in Old Market Square this weekend.** LUCKYGIRL PHOTOGRAPHY



# Fahmy finally freed

EGYPT

## Imprisoned Canadian granted pardon

Nearly two years after his arrest in Egypt on widely denounced terrorism charges, Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy walked out of prison a free man on Wednesday, following a presidential pardon.

Fahmy and his colleague and co-accused Baher Mohamed were among 100 people — including dozens of prominent human rights activists — pardoned by President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

"I am free! This time for real! Cops dropped me at CAC my old high school in my prison garb. Party Time! #FreeAJStaff" Fahmy tweeted moments after his release.

Speaking later to reporters, Fahmy said he still "can't believe it."

"We have not digested the fact that we are free; we don't have to worry about anything else," he said. "Our families have suffered so much since the beginning of this trial and we're very happy that el-Sissi took this action and released us."

His wife, Marwa Omara, said she was visiting Fahmy in prison when she learned the news of his pardon from a TV set that was on.

"I was scared for his health



Journalist Mohamed Fahmy hugs his wife Marwa Omara after being released in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday. AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

from too much joy," she said, adding that the first thing they plan to do is have a large wedding party to celebrate their recent marriage.

Fahmy's lawyer said she was delighted that the journalist was finally free.

"It has been a long ordeal, and we are grateful to President Sissi for exercising his power to pardon the two journalists," Amal Clooney

said in a statement.

"This is a historic day in Egypt where the government has finally corrected a long-standing injustice, and set two innocent men free."

Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson said he was pleased to hear about Fahmy's release from prison.

An emailed statement from the Egyptian president's office said the pardons were given

to people "who have received final prison verdicts in cases related to breaking a protest law or infringing on the police forces' actions, in addition to a number of health-related and humanitarian cases."

The pardon also came a day before el-Sissi is to travel to New York to attend the United Nations General Assembly.

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ELECTION 2015

## Mulcair clarifies his stance on niqabs

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**No one has the right to tell a woman what she must — or must not — wear.**

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair is urging tolerance and a calmer discussion about face coverings when applying for Canadian citizenship.

In a speech Wednesday, he said he backs a requirement that women show their faces at some point in the citizenship process — but not at the citizenship ceremony, as the Conservatives would hope.

"I understand that many view the niqab as a symbol of the oppression of women.

"And on that, let me be clear: No one has the right to tell a woman what she must — or must not — wear," Mulcair said.

"I am in agreement with the existing rule under which anyone seeking citizenship must uncover their face to identify themselves before swearing the oath, in accordance with their religious beliefs."

The Conservatives want women to be required to show their faces not only at a point during the process of applying for citizenship, but also during the citizenship ceremony itself.

The federal government is fighting a court ruling that threw out the requirement for uncovered faces at citizenship ceremonies.

Mulcair's speech comes a day before a leaders' debate in Montreal and was organized at the last minute in a bid to clarify the NDP position on the

veil. The issue is particularly controversial in Quebec, the NDP's main support base.

The federal government is fighting a court ruling that threw out the requirement for uncovered faces at citizenship ceremonies. The government is seeking to take that Federal Court of Appeal decision to the Supreme Court of Canada and wants the decision stayed while it appeals.

Earlier Wednesday, Mulcair was also asked whether he would support a Conservative minority government.

"There isn't a snowball's chance in hell," he said.

"There's no likelihood that the NDP would ever, under any circumstances, be able to support Mr. Harper."

That echoed a pledge from Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, who said Tuesday there are "no circumstances" in which he would support Harper staying on as prime minister with a minority. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Teaching position awaits at UBC



**Thandi Fletcher**  
Metro|Vancouver

When Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy returns to Canada, he will take up a position as an adjunct professor at

the University of British Columbia, the school announced Wednesday.

"We look forward to welcoming him to UBC's Vancouver campus this fall," interim president Martha Piper said in a news release Wednesday. "Mohamed's resiliency during

this ordeal is an inspiration to us all."

Fahmy will share his experiences with students on the state of the Middle East as a journalist-in-residence at the university's Global Reporting Centre. He will also be a visiting fellow at the W. Maurice Young Centre

for Applied Ethics.

He is writing a book about his experiences.

While it's unclear when Fahmy will return to Canada, Joanna Gislason, his lawyer in Vancouver, said her client is eager to get back on home soil.

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### WHERE THE LEADERS ARE THURSDAY



• Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and Green Leader Elizabeth May will all be in Montreal to participate in the French-language leaders' debate. Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe will also be taking part.

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# Clinton seeks climate pact

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Lofty proposal would bind U.S., Canada and Mexico

Hillary Clinton has released a policy paper that calls for a wide-ranging, co-ordinated Canada-U.S.-Mexico climate-change plan one day after announcing her opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline.

The position paper from the presidential contender added a new wrinkle Wednesday to an issue that has already inserted itself in two national elections.

Clinton wants to follow up her opposition to Keystone with a more ambitious climate program that includes immediately launching negotiations toward what she's called the North American Climate Compact.

It's the first time a prominent U.S. politician has explicitly linked the pipeline issue to more action on climate change from Canada — something President Barack Obama has never done.



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during a community forum on health care in Des Moines, Iowa, on Tuesday. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's also a significantly more aggressive plan than the current continental working group on climate change, which aims to upgrade infrastructure but does not set out firm green-house-gas targets.

"Building a clean, secure and affordable North Amer-

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Building a clean  
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Keystone XL.”

Hillary Clinton

ican energy future is bigger than Keystone XL or any other single project. That's what I will focus on as president," said the Clinton paper.

Clinton says she would seek strong national targets to cut carbon pollution; ensure all three countries demonstrate a

commitment to climate action; and create accountability measures to make sure each country respects its commitments.

Other parts of the paper mention speeding up ongoing safety upgrades to rail tanker cars that carry oil, new regulations for pipeline safety, and repairing older, leak-prone pipelines.

The paper comes one day after she stunned allies of the Keystone project by announcing opposition to a pipeline she'd once said she was inclined to support, and she called Canadian oil the continent's dirtiest fuel.

That announcement instantly became a 2016 U.S. election issue, as Republicans pounced on her. In Canada, the governing Conservatives issued a cautious statement defending the project while the Liberals and NDP jumped into it.

The Liberals support the Alberta-to-Texas pipeline and blame its delays on the Harper government's inaction on climate change. The NDP opposes it on the grounds that it would ship refining jobs to the U.S.

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## TRIPLE KILLINGS

### Brother of suspect dwells on victims

The brother of a 57-year-old man charged with first-degree murder in the separate slayings of three women says Basil Borutski's family is angry and embarrassed about his alleged crimes.

"Right now, my heart just goes out to the families ... all our brothers and sisters, our hearts go out to all the victims," a weary-sounding Will Borutski said in an interview.

"We're all just in disbelief. Right now, the only ones we're thinking about is the victims. The children, the families, the friends."

Two of the victims — 36-year-old Anastasia Kuzyk and Natalie Warmadam, 48 — used to date his brother, Will Borutski said.

Borutski, bald with a moustache and goatee and wearing a light green T-shirt, made an appearance in a Pembroke, Ont., courtroom to answer to the charges. He was remanded in custody until Oct. 5.

The judge ordered him not to speak to a long list of family members and acquaintances.

Will Borutski said his family is stunned by the arrest.

"There's anger, embarrassment," he said. "You just don't know what to make of the whole thing."

The Tuesday morning slayings of Kuzyk, Warmadam and 66-year-old Carol Culleton triggered a lockdown and manhunt in the ordinarily sleepy area of eastern Ontario.

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## COURTS

### Would-be terrorists get life for Via plot

Two men found guilty of terrorism charges after plotting to derail a passenger train were sentenced to life in prison Wednesday, as a Toronto judge found neither of them had expressed remorse for their offences.

Raed Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier were found guilty in

March on a total of eight charges.

Justice Michael Code found both men have not renounced their extremist beliefs, have not accepted responsibility for their offences and present questionable prospects for rehabilitation.

"I am satisfied that life imprisonment is the appropriate

sentence," he said, noting the men would receive credit for time already spent in custody. Both men aren't eligible for parole until 2023.

Jaser shook his head, closed his eyes at one point and held his face in one hand. Esseghaier appeared nonchalant, crossing

his arms and leaning back in the prisoner's box as Code read out his 53-page sentencing decision.

"The life sentence doesn't have any meaning for me," the self-represented Esseghaier told Code.

Crown lawyers had asked for life sentences for both men and expressed their satisfaction.

"There was one message that was made loud and clear today," said Crown prosecutor Croft Michaelson. "That message is if you commit terrorist offences in Canada, with the intention of causing indiscriminate killing, you're going to pay a very heavy price." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## VOTER PROFILE

**Name:** Melanie Hnatyshyn **Age:** 31 **Riding:** Calgary Centre  
**Her issues:** Refugees, energy, education, Senate reform

## Pondering change in Conservative country



**ROSEMARY WESTWOOD**  
in Calgary

Melanie Hnatyshyn sits in the shadows of dozens of glassy downtown-Calgary highrises, in the financial heart of the oil industry, in a riding that's voted some shade of conservative blue for decades, and ponders change.

"I would say, yeah, I would say we need change. Sometimes just a new face, just maybe a new leader," she says, almost with a note of surprise.

Her tone is understandable, given the entrenched views of a city where, as she describes it, many inherit politics like they inherit family heirlooms.

Hnatyshyn (the "H" is silent) was born in Winnipeg and moved to Calgary for university. At 31, well into her career — she's a development engineer for a major energy company — and despite Calgary's progressive mayor, Naheed Nenshi, Hnatyshyn says some of her friends are wary of discussing alternate political views in a culture attached to the idea that federal right-wing politics are best for business.

"They feel like they can't maybe openly discuss things with the typical person in

Calgary. That Conservative majority is just so prevalent."

Hnatyshyn hasn't decided who to vote for, or whether she's willing to vote strategically, but she has a shortlist of issues she's watching.

The first is the refugee crisis. She's heard how many Syrians the various leaders propose to bring in, but wants more detail on the plans, and fuller explanation of the Conservatives' response thus far. "If it's driven by economics and budget, it'd be nice if they explained that," she says.

A pragmatist and self-identified planner, Hnatyshyn's also looking for a party with a well-rounded vision for the future of the energy industry — one that offers more stability. "In the U.S., they're not as affected by the low oil prices as we are in Canada. They're trying to be energy independent and have a long-term view and have secure jobs, whereas Canada seems to be at the whim of the fluctuations of oil and gas market prices."

She'd also like politicians to tackle the imbalance between university costs and employment prospects. She'd like to see a strategic, and once again, long-term look at education and how to

better funnel young people into paths that offer prospects, instead of joblessness or low-skilled work.

She mentions, finally, the tangled issue of Senate reform. She watched spokespeople for the three major parties discuss the subject on the news the other day.

"It seemed like all of them wanted to do something about reforming the Senate, but no one was holding themselves to any promises. You feel like if nobody's going to take a stand on the Senate, what does that say about all the parties? Politics on top of politics."

Aside from what each party is saying they'll do, Hnatyshyn is also trying to figure out how much she can trust politicians to deliver. She wonders about the Conservatives' about-face on fast-tracking Syrian refugees. But it's also informing her voting strategy. "Keep your mind open, because I don't know, maybe some of the parties will be more flexible depending on what they think people want to hear, right up until the election."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. Tomorrow she's in Edmonton.

## Arts 'ignored' on economic stage

### POLICY

### Funding cuts prevail despite surge in GDP



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

A familiar cloud of disappointment settles in for George Pothitos in what's shaping up to be yet another federal election with little mention of the arts on Canada's economic stage.

While the prime ministerial hopefuls travel the country, shaking hands and promising new economic growth, the award-winning artistic director of Neptune Theatre in Halifax busies himself with the latest production of the classic, *Great Expectations*.

But when the soft-spoken Pothitos sits down to discuss what's at stake when funding for the arts is largely ignored from the policy agenda, he pleads a business case, not a poem.

"We're not some handout," he says.

"The perception that it's charity has to cease. We have to look at (arts) as an investment."

In the past nine years, Pothitos says, the theatre's funding from the Canada Council for the Arts has been cut as the pool of money remains stagnant.

Arts and culture funding briefly flared up as an election issue in 2008 in response to the Conservatives having made nearly \$45 million in cuts.



Performers appear on stage at Halifax's Neptune Theatre.

JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

Pothitos believes that's ironic, considering the \$7.37 million the theatre and its patrons — who dined at nearby restaurants, bars, and doled out cash at other businesses — pumped into Nova Scotia's economy during the 2013-14 season, according to the theatre's latest economic-impact study.



**Sometimes giving money to the CBC and to Canada Council isn't quite enough.**

George Pothitos

Another report, by the Canadian Arts Coalition, claims the arts sector was responsible for \$48 billion dollars' worth of GDP in 2010, and employed 650,000 people across the country — just under four per cent of the country's total employment.

"It's typical to see the arts

more or less ignored, for some reason," explains Jeff MacLeod, a professor of political studies at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Leaders of all political stripes "don't embrace (arts), they don't see it reflected in the population or the electorate, he says, "so there's no political gain; therefore, it dies from policy neglect."

Earlier this week, Liberal leader Justin Trudeau announced that investment in the Canada Council for the Arts would double to \$360 million per year under a Liberal government, with \$150 million extra invested in CBC/Radio Canada.

But, Pothitos says, "sometimes giving money to the CBC and to Canada Council isn't quite enough."

MacLeod agrees, explaining that a truly healthy arts policy would devise ways to nurture a base of creative minds. One idea he offers is a national strategy to hire art teachers in schools.

The risk, he warns, is a loss of Canadian culture itself.

### BY THE NUMBERS

## What art means to the economy

**\$36,300**  
Average Canadian Income

VS

**\$22,700**  
Average Canadian arts-worker income

### 10 MILLION

Canadians visited galleries and museums in 2010

**60%** of Canadians attended a live music event, theatre performance or cultural festival in 2010

### \$153.7 MILLION

in grants was doled out by the Canada Council for the Arts to artists and organizations across the country in 2013-2014

Canadians spent



**\$1.4 BILLION**  
on live performing arts

VS

**\$600 MILLION**  
on live sporting events



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# Rape-kit bag left in doorway

## PATRICK KANE CASE

### Lawyer for accuser alleges evidence tampering

The lawyer for a woman alleging she was sexually assaulted by Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane said Wednesday that an empty evidence bag was improperly left in the doorway of the woman's mother's home.

Thomas Eoannou said the bag at one point contained the rape kit used when the woman reported that she had been assaulted.

"Something seriously has gone amiss," Eoannou said.

Eoannou said the mother made the bizarre discovery when she came home from work for lunch on Tuesday afternoon. She found the bag folded up between a storm



Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane.

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door and her front door, he said. "It could have been there a day and a half," he said, because the woman used the back door when she left for work that morning.

He said the bag is authentic, labelled with personal identifying information for the woman, details on where the rape kit was used and the initials of the nurses who administered the kit.

"I have never seen an evidence bag outside of a police lab, a prosecutor's office or a court room, let alone find one in a doorway of a rape victim's mother's home," he said.

Eoannou said he wants the FBI or state police to probe how the bag left the custody of investigators. It's not clear how the bag got to the mother's home or what effect it may have on the investigation, he said.

"We're hoping to find out how this happened and who had the incentive to modify or tamper with the evidence," he said. Eoannou said he hoped the person who delivered the bag would come forward.

Police have been investigating since the alleged Aug. 2 incident at Kane's off-season home in suburban Buffalo. Kane has not been charged.

Kane did not travel to Detroit with the rest of his team on Wednesday.

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Lawyer Thomas Eoannou holds up, at a news conference on Wednesday in Buffalo, N.Y., what he says is an empty evidence bag left improperly at a home. GARY WIEPERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## DATA BREACH

### U.S. thinks hackers are from China

The number of people applying for or receiving security clearances whose fingerprint images were stolen in one of the worst U.S. government data breaches is now believed to be 5.6 million, not 1.1 million as first thought, the Office of Personnel Management announced Wednesday.

The agency was the victim of what the U.S. believes was a Chinese espionage operation that affected an estimated 21.5 million current and former federal employees or job applicants. The theft could give Chinese intelligence a huge leg up in recruiting informants inside the U.S. government, experts believe. It also could help the Chinese identify U.S. spies abroad, according to American officials. The White House has said it's going to discuss cybersecurity with Chinese President Xi Jinping when he visits President Barack Obama later this week.

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# EU chief urges end to 'chaos'

## REFUGEE CRISIS

### Squabbling nations told to co-operate, secure borders

European Union President Donald Tusk urged divided EU nations to set aside their differences and work together to secure the bloc's borders as Europe struggles with its biggest refugee emergency in decades.

About half a million people have fled to Europe so far this year in search of sanctuary or jobs. As numbers swell, nations have tightened border security. Hungary has a razor-wire fence along its border with Serbia.

Countries in eastern Europe with little recent experience of migration are trading barbs over who is to blame, while Balkans neighbours Serbia and Croatia — who were at war

**“The current ‘migration policy’ is a sum of despair of the victims fleeing war and persecution ... of the cynicism of the smuggler.”**

European Union President Donald Tusk

in the early 1990s — issued threats and ultimatums.

“We must prepare a concrete plan, which must finally appear in place of the arguments and the chaos we have witnessed in the last weeks,” Tusk told reporters before chairing the summit.

“The most urgent question we should ask ourselves tonight is how to regain control of our external borders. Other-

wise it does not make sense to even speak of a common European migration policy.”

As the leaders headed to Brussels, a further 5,000 migrants were converging on the Austrian border with Hungary, police said.

Serbia, meanwhile, gave EU member Croatia an ultimatum to reopen its border for all cargo transport by midnight Wednesday or face unspecified retaliation.

Among the outstanding issues that Tusk, the summit's official host, wants addressed is increasing assistance to EU member nations that are receiving the brunt of the refugee influx, and improving co-operation with non-EU countries in the Balkans and Turkey, which is now home to almost two million migrants — many of whom have fled Syria's civil war.

Tusk also wants to discuss diplomatic efforts to end the Syria conflict. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



People arrive on the Greek island of Lesbos during rainfall Wednesday, after crossing the Aegean Sea from Turkey on an inflatable dinghy. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Cholera outbreak in Iraq

War-weary Iraq is struggling with a growing cholera outbreak.

As of Tuesday, at least 54 cases had been confirmed in Baghdad, as well as in the southern provinces of Najaf, Diwaniyah, Babil and Samawah, a Health Ministry spokesman said.

The cause lies partially with Iraq's antiquated and badly maintained water and sewage systems.

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### UN Ebola response to continue into 2016

The United Nations says it's now planning for Ebola response activities to last into 2016, suggesting the battle against the virus won't be over by year-end after all.

In a report released Wednesday by the World Health Organization and its humanitarian partners, health officials said that there are plans for the Ebola response to continue until midyear 2016.

The report comes as Sierra Leone and Guinea struggle with a resurgence of cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MIDDLE EAST

### Syrian rebels fear defection

U.S.-trained rebels who recently returned to Syria said Wednesday they have lost contact with one of their officers and that they are investigating reports that he defected and handed over his weapons to al-Qaida's branch in the country.

The U.S. military said it had no indication that any U.S.-trained fighters have defected.

The allegations come only days after the group of about 70 rebels returned to Syria after training in Turkey as part of the U.S. program to train and

equip rebels to take part in the fight against the Islamic State group.

Defection among the ranks of U.S.-trained rebels would be an embarrassment to the program, which has already been criticized as offering too little too late and failing to provide enough protection for those trained rebels once inside Syria. The selected rebels are said to undergo a thorough vetting process.

U.S. officials have begun an overhaul of the efforts, in-

cluding suggesting that the newly trained fighters operate as the New Syrian Forces, or NSF, alongside Syrian Kurds, Sunni Arab and other anti-Islamic State forces.

The U.S. Central Command confirmed Monday the graduates have re-entered Syria with their weapons and equipment and were to operate alongside existing western-allied forces.

Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said any accounts of a defection are “patently false.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## SKY WATCH

### Moon to put on a rare double

Get ready for a rare double feature this weekend, starring our very own moon.

A total lunar eclipse will share the stage with a so-called supermoon Sunday night or early Monday, depending where you are. That combination hasn't been seen since 1982 and won't happen again until 2033.

When a full or new moon makes its closest approach to Earth, that's a supermoon. Although still about 220,000 miles away, this full moon

# 2018

There won't be another total lunar eclipse until 2018.

will look bigger and brighter than usual. In fact, it will be the closest full moon of the year, about 30,000 miles closer than the average distance. (The moon's orbit is far from a perfect circle.)

The full eclipse of the moon will last more than an hour and be visible, weather permitting, from North and South America, Europe, Africa and western Asia.

This weekend's eclipse marks the end of a tetrad, or series of four total lunar eclipses set six months apart. This series began in April 2014.

The 21st century will see eight of these tetrads, an uncommonly good run. From 1600 to 1900, there were none. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# Ad blockers hit revenues

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## Websites worry commercials could vanish like pop-ups

When you visit a website, you often find yourself waiting and waiting for advertisements to load. It doesn't have to be this way. There are easy ways to block such annoyances, and Apple is now permitting apps that block ads in its Web browser for iPhones and iPads.

All this might help users navigate, but it also threatens the livelihood of websites and publishers that depend heavily on advertising revenue — companies like Google, Hulu and The New York Times. While the rise in ad blocking isn't causing panic yet, publishers and content creators are watching.

Already, some websites are taking steps to reduce the annoyance so users won't turn to ad blockers.

"It is possible to be too alarmist about ad blockers, but it's a very real phenomenon,"



Programs that block advertisements in browsers are threatening the livelihood of those that depend heavily on advertising revenue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

said Joshua Benton, director of the Nieman Journalism Lab at Harvard University.

It's one thing if just five per cent of iPhone users install an ad blocker; it's another if 80 per cent do, Benton said. If today's ad practices get too annoying, he said, they could

“It is possible to be too alarmist ... but it's a very real phenomenon.”

Joshua Benton

disappear just like pop-up windows, which many browsers now block automatically in response to consumers' annoyance with them.

PageFair, a firm that seeks to counter ad blockers, says worldwide usage of ad blockers grew 41 per cent from last year

to nearly 200 million people. That's six per cent of Internet users worldwide, including 16 per cent in the U.S., 37 per cent in Greece and 25 per cent in Germany. PageFair estimates these tools will block nearly \$22 billion US in ad revenue this year and \$41 billion US next year.

The threats to websites are about to get bigger. The ability to block ads, long available on traditional computers, arrived on Apple's mobile devices with a recent software update, iOS 9.

Google's Android system also allows ad blockers in Web browsers such as Firefox, as long as they don't affect unrelated apps.

Many websites already have countermeasures for ad blockers. Hulu, for instance, simply replaces commercials with an unskippable message.

Meanwhile, some companies are paying developers of ad blockers such as Adblock Plus for the right to bypass them. Companies that benefit a lot from search ads, like Google and Microsoft, pay for the privilege, the Financial Times reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COPYRIGHT LAW

## Birthday song free for all

The music publishing company that has been collecting royalties on the song Happy Birthday To You for years does not hold a valid copyright on the lyrics to the tune that is one of the mostly widely sung in the world, a U.S. judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge George H. King determined the song's original copyright, obtained by the Clayton F. Summy Co. from the song's writers, covered only the tune's musical arrangement and not the lyrics.

King's decision comes in a lawsuit filed two years ago by Good Morning To You Productions Corp., which challenged the copyright now held by Warner/Chappell Music Inc., arguing that the song should be "dedicated to public use and in the public domain."

"Because Summy Co. never acquired the rights to the 'Happy Birthday' lyrics, defendants, as Summy Co.'s purported successors-in-interest, do not own a valid copyright," King concluded.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Volkswagen CEO resigns

Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn stepped down Wednesday over a scandal in which the German carmaker admitted to rigging its diesel cars' emissions to pass U.S. tests. In a statement, Winterkorn said he took responsibility for the "irregularities" found in diesel engines but that he was "not aware of any wrongdoing on my part." No replacement was announced.

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AUTOMOTIVE

## VW scandal could spell death of diesel

Over the past 20 years, diesel's image has experienced an extreme makeover, going from the dirty, industry fuel used to power polluting trucks and buses to a potential short-term solution to preserving current oil supplies without compromising on performance, driving dynamics and crucially, air pollution.

But that was before Monday, when the current situation at Volkswagen — the world's largest carmaker is accused of using software to cheat on

U.S. emissions tests on its TDI diesel powerplants — became front-page news around the world.

Although diesel is a niche market in the U.S., accounting for just two per cent of new car sales, VW was the biggest player and its cars were developing a loyal, environmentally conscious following.

VW and consequently the

current system of emissions certification will be investigated by the U.S. Congress's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Diesel is more efficient than gasoline — it has a higher energy content per litre and more of that energy is converted successfully during combustion resulting in 20 per cent less CO2 emissions than an

equivalent gasoline car. However, diesels emit more NOx (Nitrogen Oxide) which is a potentially life-threatening air pollutant.

The Clean Air Act in the U.S. and the new Euro 6 standard in the EU are meant to tackle that issue by ensuring new cars emit NOx levels almost on a par with gasoline, but if U.S. testers can be tricked, how can European consumers be sure that they're not being greenwashed, too?

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Diesel produces 20 per cent less CO2 emissions than a gasoline car but more Nitrogen Oxide.

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## CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE LEADERS' FACEOFF IN FRENCH



**“ Thomas Mulcair has more to lose than gain in Thursday's debate ... a commanding lead in Quebec is mostly what has kept the New Democrats in the game.**

With his party's competitive position in national voting intentions hanging by a Quebec thread, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair has more to lose than to gain in Thursday's French-language debate.

Since the campaign began, a commanding lead in Quebec is mostly what has kept the New Democrats in the game. But the status of front-runner comes at a price, and Mulcair will spend the first French-language debate of the campaign on the hot seat.

He absolutely needs to keep alive the prospect of a second Quebec orange wave. Absent a strong showing in the province's polls, the NDP's carefully constructed bid for power could crumble like a house of cards.

The party's narrative hangs on the notion that the New Democrats are best placed to beat the Conservatives next month. On the way to this week's French-language debate, that contention has been sorely tested.

If all had gone according to plan for the NDP, Justin Trudeau would no longer be a realistic contender for prime minister. With the Liberals lagging too far behind to have a shot at winning the election and the help of a cautious platform there would be an NDP wave in the making in Ontario.

So far, neither has happened.

Eight weeks and two English-language debates later — including one on the central issue of the economy — the Liberal leader is still standing and his party has gained more ground in public opinion, in particular in

Ontario, than the NDP.

At this juncture, a slide in NDP support in Quebec could lead to a hemorrhage of support in other regions of the country as non-conservative voters coalesce behind the stronger opposition option.

Until this week, the main liability Mulcair was expected to take in the French-language debate was his support for the Energy East pipeline. That stance pits him against Green Party Leader Elizabeth May and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, and it does not play well with Quebec's environmental activists.

But now the NDP leader is coming to the debate with a much larger target on his back.

In Quebec, the debate over whether Muslim women should be required to uncover their faces to

take the oath of citizenship has given a moribund Bloc campaign a bit of a kiss of life.

Support for a veil ban runs high in Quebec. In the national assembly, a Liberal move to ban face coverings for public servants and for anyone using provincial government services enjoys multi-party support.

The NDP is not alone in opposing a niqab ban. So do the Liberals. But because the Bloc and the New Democrats fish in the same nationalist pool of francophone voters, Duceppe's attacks have focused on Mulcair.

Anecdotal and recent polling evidence suggest they are taking a toll.

At this juncture, the NDP's best hope of riding out the niqab controversy would be for the election conversation to move on to other topics. But with not

one but two French-language debates on the agenda of the next two weeks and with the help of Bloc and Conservative ads, the niqab issue could be on the Quebec radar to stay.

A good debate for Duceppe on Thursday would be good news for Harper and Trudeau.

Every vote that the Bloc takes back from the NDP helps the Liberals and the Conservatives in their own local battles against the New Democrat tide.

The NDP has owned Quebec since the beginning of the campaign, but that could still change. Past history shows that the debates tend to focus Quebecers on their election choices — sometimes with unexpected results.

When he arrived on the set of the French-language debate in the last election, Duceppe had cause to believe he was bulletproof. His party was sitting on its usual comfortable lead. As the only Quebec leader on the set, he had the home advantage.

So widespread were those assumptions that those who covered the 2011 French-language debate did not come away with the impression that it had been a watershed moment.

A few days later, the NDP jumped in the lead in Quebec, and never looked back.

This year, the roles are reversed, with Mulcair the leader to beat and Duceppe the one to watch.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

## metroview

**If you can make meet-the-teacher night, great. No? Don't panic.**



**Catherine Little**  
For Metro

When I started teaching in the early 1990s, I was young. And I looked young. Very young. A rumour started to circulate that I had gone to university as a tween and was actually 13 years old.

I had an excellent start to my first year and no issues with the nearly 200 junior high school students I taught. However, as September drew to a close, I could tell the vice-principal worried about how I would do at meet-the-teacher night. Parents might equate my youth to inexperience or, worse, incompetence.

Meet-the-teacher, also known as curriculum night, usually happens at the end of September. Most involve barbecues, sitting on too-small chairs and being told not to ask specific questions about your own child.

This year in public schools in Ontario, these nights may be a casualty of the ongoing strife between the Elementary Teachers Association of Ontario and the provincial government. Similar job action by teachers has taken place all over the country, and there will likely be more of the same.

As far as academic success goes, the research seems to indicate that events like meet-the-teacher are nice, but not a necessity. The authors of a 2014 study in Child Development looked at parents' activities, including parent-teacher conferences and volunteering

at school. They found no evidence that doing these things directly affected academic achievement. They did say they felt there might be some emotional benefit — essentially, it's good for children to know their parents care.

Similarly, an analysis of 37 studies that included over 80,000 students from kindergarten to Grade 12 in Educational Research Review found that parent participation in school activities had the least effect on student achievement. What had the most? Parental expectations, discussions of school activities with children and helping with reading topped the list.

So, if meet-the-teacher happens this year and fits into your schedule, great. If not, don't panic. Other things you can do will help more.

I have no idea who showed up to meet me that September evening my first year teaching. I do remember that my vice-principal sent an experienced teacher to stand at the back of my room in case I needed help. I didn't. But it was nice to know someone was there if I did — kind of like the message you send by having clear expectations for your child and discussing school activities with them.

Full disclosure: As a parent, I have attended every curriculum night since my son started kindergarten, and I intend to attend this year if there is one. Even though my son is starting Grade 8, I want to see the person he's about to spend more waking hours with than anyone else.

## THE MICROTREND: Mile-high mudras



The science is in: Sitting, especially for a long time (such as on a long-haul flight), is seriously risky to your health. But stretching can help, and it's not a stretch from that to full-blown yoga at 40,000 feet. The practice has taken off, not least because it can relieve stiffness and stress, and possibly reduce the risk of blood clots, which are associated with being sedentary for long periods. The craze has taken flight on the photo-sharing site Instagram. Even celebrities have posted snaps of themselves doing various contortions in the centre aisle in first class. The SkyTeam group of airlines has responded by adding yoga videos, designed to be done sitting, to its in-flight entertainment system — a definite advantage over sticking your stocking feet in your seatmates' face as you try to execute airplane pose while cruising over the Atlantic.

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## 150 YEARS IN Wonderland

The "meaning" of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland has been open to speculation for years: social satire, Oxford history, even a drug-induced hallucination. In honour of Alice's 150th anniversary, writer David Day is out with a comprehensive book that "decodes" Alice. He interprets a few for us here. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

### Illustrating Alice

"Scott (CS) Richardson, who designed the book, came up with this idea of doing these full spreads and using quotations. And he was the one who chose them ... (The illustrations) are all from the original Alice and what he's done is added a colour dimension and a quotation," says Day.



### The Cover

You'll notice, when you're holding the book, that the figure of Alice on the front cover is pixelated, while the heart in the middle is clear and strong. In fact, it was designed that way for a number of reasons: if you look at it from far away (as you would in a bookstore display) the Alice is clear — it's only when you get closer that she loses her definition. "We pixelated it with the idea of decoding him," says Day, referring to author Lewis Carroll.



### Crinoline Croquet

When Alice goes into the Queen's garden, that garden is based on Alice Liddell's house at Oxford — they had a croquet lawn at the back, which was the height of fashion at the time. Alice's mother made Croquet the centre of social life: "They frequently had these croquet parties," says Day, "and all the women dressed up elaborately; it was the age of 'crinoline croquet.'"



### Oracle of Delphi

This is a painting entitled Consulting the Oracle by John William Waterhouse. In Wonderland's Duchess' kitchen, Day explains that Carroll has created a parody of the Oracle of Delphi gone badly wrong. Instead of a high priestess who inhales fragrant vapours that inspire sacred prophecies, Wonderland's Ugly Duchess inhales smoke and pepper that inspires nonsense.



### The Real Alice

"These photos are by Julia Margaret Cameron ... she would dress (Alice and her sisters) up as mythological figures." On the left, Alice is dressed as Aletheia, the Greek goddess of truth; on the right as Pomona, Roman goddess of fruitfulness.



### Cheshire Cat

All the inhabitants of Wonderland, Day maintains, had real-life counterparts in Oxford Society. In this picture, the Cheshire Cat represents Christ Church college's Canon Edward Bouverie Pusey (puss, get it?) who was one of the most influential churchmen of his time. Conservative Puseyites opposed liberal reforms introduced by Alice's father, the Dean of Christ Church. Here the King and Queen of Hearts, who Day reveals as the Dean and Mrs. Liddell, are much annoyed by Canon Pusey's avatar.



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# Author faces off against Cage critics

## FANDOM

## Defending the actor only made Gibb love him more

Sue Carter

For Metro Canada



Lindsay Gibb didn't set out to become a fierce defender of Nicolas Cage. It was only after a 2012 retrospective of the enigmatic actor's films at the TIFF Bell Lightbox that the Toronto librarian and former editor of Broken Pencil magazine realized the depths of her fandom.

"I liked him a lot but I wasn't as obsessed with him as I am now," she recalls.

While most pop-culture aficionados are content simply sharing their enthusiasm with Facebook friends, Gibb turned her obsession into a book. National Treasure: Nicolas Cage is the latest in ECW Press's Pop Classics series, a line of digestible essays that spotlight cultural touchstones such as Elvis



Author Lindsay Gibb believes Nicolas Cage is one of the most divisive actors of our generation. HANDOUT IMAGES

Costello, Twin Peaks, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and the stripper schlockfest, Showgirls.

Except for perhaps Keanu Reeves, there is no contemporary actor who divides audiences and opinions — or inspired as many memes — as Cage. Beyond his eccentric off-screen life (purchasing saber-tooth tigers

and dinosaur skulls, his Elvis obsession, whirlwind marriages), Gibb suggests Cage's screen presence is so polarizing because he's impossible to pigeonhole.

"From one movie to the next you don't really know what to expect," she says. "People have a certain kind



of vision of him because they've seen him in a certain kind of movie, but then he'll go ahead and do something like The Sorcerer's Apprentice."

To prepare for National Treasure, Gibb watched all of Cage's work — an impressive feat considering he's appeared in more than 70 films. Inspired by the TIFF retrospective, Gibb, who calls Vampire's Kiss and Wild at Heart among her favourites, began hosting a monthly Cage movie night in her condo's theatre room. When she started writing the book, she knew she

had to take a more critical approach. "I was trying to look at them through the eyes of, 'What is he doing?' I was looking for links between his movies, and trying to see what he was trying to do with his acting style," she says. "He has this intensity, or bombastic style, where he gets hyper in the middle of a movie that is consistent throughout his films."

In the introduction to the book, Gibb writes, "Having to constantly defend something you like can you love it more fiercely." She dismisses critics who have an unwavering bias against Cage and his on-screen antics.

"There are definitely writers who have a certain take on him — he's a second-rate actor that's always going to chew the scenery," she says. "People have their set opinions, and don't let his performance influence their opinion. They've just decided he's the worst. And then there are people like me. I'll always find at least a nugget in his not-so-great films, and see something interesting."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

## SELF HELP

## Elizabeth Gilbert's tips for tapping creativity

Emily Laurence

Metro | New York



Bestselling author Elizabeth Gilbert has made a successful career following her creativity, so naturally she gets asked for tips all the time. Here is her advice for leading a more creative life:

### Follow your curiosity

If you think only writers, artists and musicians can be creative, think again. Gilbert is a strong

believer that anyone can be creative and "creative" shouldn't be confused with "artistic." "The definition of creative living is paying attention to your curiosity and following wherever it leads you," she says.

### Uncover your "strange jewels"

In Big Magic, Gilbert encourages readers to uncover their own personal, "strange jewels," a thought inspired by her favourite poet, Jack Gilbert: "The jewels that are hiding inside you are begging

to say yes." "The jewels can be anything from talents to virtues to purpose in life," she says. She adds that following what you find interesting is part of the treasure hunt.

### Stop making excuses

Gilbert says people often write her on social media complaining that they don't have time to be creative. Gilbert fires back that if you have time to be on social media, watch TV or read magazines, then that isn't necessarily true. "When I start to pick apart

that argument with people, it turns out it isn't really a question about having time," she says. "They're afraid. They're afraid they don't have the material, or the right training, or they'll get rejected or ignored. It doesn't really have to do with time." She stresses that once people put aside these fears, they can uncover something great.

### Cultivate a creative community

Her book says success in creativity is part hard work, part

magic and part of the magic is surrounding yourself with people that can help foster your creativity.

### Practice self-forgiveness

It's human nature to start off excited about an idea, but for that interest to fade over time until you end up abandoning it. Gilbert says the key to seeing a creative project through is self-forgiveness. "You have to look back at what you created and say, I'm still learning and experimenting."



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# As countries change, so do we

JOSIP NOVAKOVICH

## Man Booker finalist finds light in our dark realities

Emina Gamulin  
Metro | Canada

An American-born translator goes to Bosnia to work for the UN, only to discover rape camps that her employer turns a blind eye to (or worse, participates in).

After losing everything else in his life when Serb rebel forces take over his village, a Croatian man turns to his bees for comfort and protection.

A Serbian man who once lived in Croatia but was displaced by the war waits for his cousin to arrive on a train that never seems to come.

These are some of the experiences explored in *Ex-Yu*, but according to the author of these fictions based loosely on the Balkan wars of the '90s, the collection is as much about transformation as it is about destruction.

"The title is a pun on Ex-Yugoslavia, and the former you," says Croatian-Canadian writer Josip Novakovich on the phone from Montreal, about his latest — a gripping, tragic, often strange, absurd, and sometimes laugh-out-loud funny short-story collection published this month by Vehicule Press. "Many countries pass and change, so do we, even if we might not be aware of how much we change."

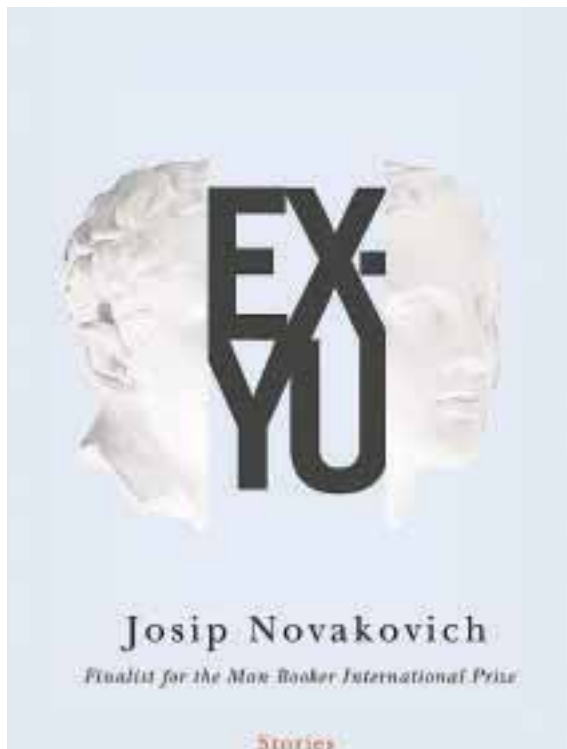
He quotes the philosopher Heraclitus, who said that you can't step in the same river twice. "Usually we just think about how the river changes — the water is always new, the new schools of fish are passing through, but you too are also different — it's not the same you crossing the river for the second time."

As philosophical as Novakovich is, he also thinks pragmatically. When asked why *Ex-Yu* includes a cannibalistic tale that takes place nowhere near Southeastern Europe, he admits it made it into the pile because his last publisher refused to release it, deeming it too horrifying.

It's also a continuation, he says, of an earlier collection that chiefly concerns itself with friendship versus survival versus tribe loyalty.

In a way it fits, despite the geographical divergence, because the collection is so dark.

There's ghosts of the horrors of the Second World War; Dutch



Josip Novakovich, author of the satirical novel *April Fool's Day*, has just released his latest short-story collection, *Ex-Yu*.

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### 'FAN FICTION'

While the majority of the characters in *Ex-Yu* are ordinary people, the collection includes some infamous real-life characters.

Novakovich jokingly refers to these stories as "fan-fiction." These include tales of the scientist and inventor Nikola Tesla and 1970s terrorist Nikola Kavaja (nicknamed Tito's Hunter). In one, we catch up with Slobodan Milosevic in jail at the Hague just months before the verdict of his war-crimes tribunal. The fallen leader, now impotent, demands Viagra,

despite his doctor's warnings.

The title, *Just Desserts*, perhaps alludes to the satisfaction Novakovich felt reimagining Milosevic's last days. "It was a known thing that he was sabotaging his medical care, not taking his blood pressure pills so most likely it was just massive heart failure," says Novakovich, a medical-school dropout.

"But that can also happen with Viagra in such conditions, so I thought 'Why not make fun of it?'"

guilt over the Srebrenica massacre; a bad batch of an early measles vaccination; lung cancer.

"Things don't have to happen, but we fear they will happen, and sometimes they do happen. Death is something that only happens once, but it is always in the background of our minds — how will I go and how will those around me go?" says Novakovich.

He believes it's cathartic to face our fears in art and that looking only at happiness is neither possible, nor, perhaps, desirable.

"I read a remarkable article about (Serbian tennis star) Novak Djokovic recently. He was asked

if he just thinks positive during matches. And he said he tried it and it doesn't work — he has to do both," Novakovich says. "He can't eliminate the (bad) stuff and he figured out that it's better if he doesn't. You can't completely ignore that life is partly a horror story." Plus, Novakovich says, offering a less existential explanation — his dark stuff sells better. "I publish these stories more easily, say, than the stories about my cats."

Josip Novakovich will read from *Ex-Yu* in Winnipeg at LPG's 40th anniversary reading series on October 30.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

## Facebook launches 360-degree video



Lucasfilm's Star Wars: The Force Awakens is taking advantage of the new 360-degree video viewer. HANDOUT

Facebook has rolled out 360-degree videos in its News Feed, allowing users to choose their viewing angle.

On the web, users of the social network will be able to do this by dragging the video around with their cursor, while on mobile devices they can drag their finger or even just turn the device.

Last year, Facebook bought the Oculus Rift VR headset for \$2 billion. This latest move could

bring the platform's content to a huge audience.

Among those already using the network's upgraded video feature were Discovery, GoPro, NBC's Saturday Night Live and VICE. Disney and Lucasfilm were debuting a 360 experience from Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

The videos are due to begin showing up on the web and for Android soon, followed by iOS in the coming months. AFP

# Serial to tackle soldier's disappearance: Report

## PODCAST

## Season 2 of hit NPR show will explore case of Bowe Bergdahl

The hit NPR (National Public Radio) podcast Serial will spend its second season taking on the mystery of a U.S. Army sergeant's disappearance in Afghanistan, according to reports.

Maxim, which spoke with several sources but had not received confirmation from NPR, reported that the focus would be the case of Bowe Bergdahl, who disappeared from his post in Afghanistan in 2009 and was then held prisoner by a Taliban-allied group.

Bergdahl was released in 2014 as part of an exchange for Guantanamo Bay detainees.

The soldier was said to have been abducted when he walked off the outpost, although his reasons for doing so are unclear and the circumstances of



## ONGOING CASE

### Officials deciding if he should face court-martial

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl's lawyer earlier this week asked a military court to publicly release a transcript of Bergdahl's interview with military officials and a summary of an investigation into his disappearance. Defence attorney Eugene Fidell has unsuccessfully tried to get the Army to make the documents public while Bergdahl faces charges, including desertion, for leaving his post in Afghanistan in 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/U.S. ARMY FILE

his abduction are mysterious.

Bergdahl was ultimately charged for desertion and misbehaviour before the enemy.

The Hollywood Reporter has since confirmed Maxim's report. AFP

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Breakup season

Can we blame all these celebrity breakups on the impending holiday season, or is it too soon for that?

I'm not saying that's what's behind Amy Poehler's split from Nick Kroll after two years of dating, but it's a pretty good theory, right? Or this: "Unfortunately, they just

couldn't make the relationship work with their schedules," a source tells Us Weekly. "They really tried, but it just wasn't realistic anymore. They were spending more time apart than together."

Sure, but for some couples that's actually a plus.

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No more sequels please

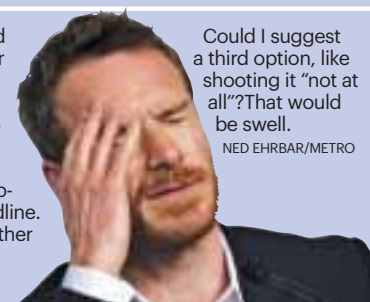
Ridley Scott has a new

movie coming out — The Martian — which means he's been doing a bunch of interviews catching people up on all those sequels he's been threatening to make, like his ill-advised followup to Blade Runner.

Even more disconcerting? He's apparently serious about continuing the terrible Prometheus franchise, sending

the disembodied head of Michael Fassbender back to work early next year.

"Fassbender will do (Prometheus 2) with me, and it's meant to start production in February," Scott tells Deadline. "I'm in prep now. I'll either shoot in (Australia) or (Canada)."



Could I suggest a third option, like shooting it "not at all"? That would be swell.

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HOME VIDEO

JLo: Love costs a lot

Jennifer Lopez's first husband, Ojani Noa — you probably don't remember him — has a bunch of home movies from way back when, and he and business partner Ed Meyer are eager to let them loose on the world. How rude.

"We are going to produce a DVD and also have a streaming release of the JLo home video footage," Meyer says, according to InTouch.

"There is revealing video of her with



a lack of clothing and in sexual situations, especially in the hotel footage from the honeymoon."

Lopez, Noa and Meyer have been locked in a legal battle for more than six years, but Lopez withdrew all of her claims against them over the summer.

"The videos contain salacious material and are going to shock her fans," Meyer adds. "We have unfinished business." He sounds charming, doesn't he?

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Hockey wives signed

W Network has scored four more cast members for its docuseries Hockey Wives, including the wives of Montreal Canadiens goalie Carey Price and Anaheim Ducks captain Ryan Getzlaf. The second season will feature Angela Price and Paige Getzlaf (pictured with her hubby), says W Network.

Other cast additions in-



clude Taylor Winnik, wife of Toronto Maple Leafs left winger Daniel Winnik, and Ashley Booth, wife of free agent David Booth. They join previously announced partners Keshia Chante, Rhianna Weaver, Kodette LaBarbera, Tiffany Parros, Noreen DeWulf, Maripier Morin and Martine Forget.

Hockey Wives returns Oct. 28.

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Kendall's rumoured romances

DATING

Michael B. Jordan denies dating Kendall Jenner, kinda

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While we're still waiting for Orlando Bloom to chime in about whether or not he's been playing kissy-kissy with Kendall Jenner, at least one other older man linked to Not Kylie is going on the record to address whether or not they're dating.

Fantastic Four star Michael B. Jordan stoked romance rumours earlier this year when he was spotted leaving a Met Gala party with Jenner, but he wants you all to calm down.

"It's the world we live in. They see white and black. I don't," he tells GQ. "Kendall's a friend of mine, you know? I don't know her, like, that well, but I know

her enough. People's perspective on that is what it is. I don't f—ing know. I don't live my life to make other people happy. It's so weird, though, right? A lot of black fans were feeling like 'Oh, my God, he should have been with a black woman' and that whole thing."

Kendall is just keeping us all guessing.

Well, at least all this attention being diverted a way from Bloom must make him happy, right?



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### Calgary

Here's a new two-bedroom-plus-den at The Savoy by Truman Homes. This community of condominiums and townhomes is located on Kensington Road and 19th Street NW, in the community of West Hillhurst. The units feature engineered hardwood floors, Italian marble tile, quartz countertops, designer lighting and plumbing fixtures, and imported Italian kitchens and appliances. The area has many amenities ranging from coffee shops to grocers, and the Peace Bridge is a short walk away. Call 403-240-3246 or visit [liveatsavoy.com](http://liveatsavoy.com).



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### Vancouver

York by Mosaic Homes is a collection of two- and three-bedroom, shingle-style rowhomes in Langley. These townhomes feature open floor plans with nine-foot ceilings and large bay windows. There's a kitchen island, luxurious bathrooms and raised backyards. The homes are well connected to transit, and boast mountain views, greenways, parks and schools. The starting price above is for a 1,199-square-foot, two-bedroom-plus-den unit. For more information, contact 604-882-6758 or visit [mosaichomes.com/york](http://mosaichomes.com/york).



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# METRO SPACES

## Your home office desk is prime real estate

School is back in session and students are taking in a tidal wave of new information and materials — class schedules, notes, text books, binders.

Creating a good study space is key to getting on top of school work from the get-go, says Georgina Forrest, a member of Professional Organizers in Canada and owner of Smartworks Organizing in Calgary.

Here is how to optimize your home study space.

### SLASH THE SURPERFLUOUS

Everything at your desk should be there to help you work. If it doesn't, get rid of it, Forrest says. That includes novelty stationery you haven't used in years, your collection of mismatched pens that don't work — anything that isn't serving your needs.

### CLEAR THE DECKS

Your desktop is prime real estate, Forrest

says. Common culprits of desktop clutter include paper clips and staplers. These and anything else you don't use every day should be in a drawer.

### ESTABLISH A COMMAND CENTRE

Reintroduce items to your desktop that you need to keep top of mind. Forrest suggests a tabletop filing system of hanging files that keep information you need to deal with on an ongoing basis, such as bills to pay, forms to fill out, readings for your next class, and information about upcoming exams or other events.

### CREATE A FILING SYSTEM THAT WORKS

"Separate the active stuff from the reference stuff," Forrest says. Your most immediate, active files go on your desktop, and notes from each class can be offloaded into binders or files in a drawer or on a shelf for easy access.



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### LABEL YOUR FILES CLEARLY

Contain, contain, contain. Possibly the most important organizational principle. "If you just throw things in a desk drawer they're

gonna get all mushed together," Forrest says. Loot the dollar store for different sized containers to help you compartmentalize your essentials.

— Stephanie Orford

## DOES YOUR CLOTHES DRYER VENT NEED A CHECKUP?

Clothes dryers are associated with about 15,000 fires, 10 deaths, 310 injuries, and \$8.4 million in property damage every year, according to the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

Is yours safe?

"It happens to many different types of dryers," says Eslam Mohamed, owner of Dryer Vent Doctor, a dryer vent specialist based in Winnipeg. "Most people know they should clean the lint from the lint screen,

but they don't clean it from the dryer vent. Over time, lint can build up, causing reduced airflow through the exhaust. That lack of air flow can cause overheating, and, because lint is so combustible, it becomes a recipe for disaster."

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There are some crucial warning signs to

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Accessibility is paramount. Completed

earlier this year, the complex has six elevators to take residents to their doorsteps, as well as heated indoor parking. The courteous and responsive on-site management is available around the clock to help residents. The development even offers free shuttle service to grocery stores.

"We wanted to create a space where everything is taken care of for you, so you don't have to worry about all those hassles in winter, or at any other time of year," says Anna Malik, the leasing manager for Ruth Gardens.

Indoors, you can luxuriate with a warm

drink and enjoy the high-end finishings. Your home will have quartz countertops, a glass tile backsplash, and stainless steel appliances, including a fridge, self-cleaning oven, dishwasher, and ensuite washer and dryer.

Residents who want to stay in shape over the winter are in luck. Ruth Gardens has a fully equipped exercise room just for residents.

You are in a great neighbourhood for entertainment, shopping and services, no matter what time of year it is. The building is

close to schools, parks, shopping, and transit.

The complex's 125-person multi-purpose room is great for your next big bash, or book the second room for 70 people if you are holding a more intimate gathering. The full-sized gourmet kitchen is also at your disposal.

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“We had great turnout for the grand opening of our third and final phase, and pre-sales have been steady,” says Brenlee Coates, marketing co-ordinator at StreetSide Developments, the developer of Bridgwater Forest North Condos. “It’s a testament to how well-received our first two phases were — people were eagerly awaiting the third.”

The new display suite at StreetSide Developments’ Bridgwater Forest North Condos shows off the refined look of the popular development’s third phase, which is well into construction. The building’s most successful plans, as well as newly redesigned floor plans, are being made available in the third and final phase, with possession dates as early as this fall and winter. Plus, select move-in-ready suites remain in Phase 1 and 2.

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# Time is now for youngsters to prove themselves to Jets

VIEW FROM THE 300S

Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson

With the NHL pre-season underway, the battle for roster spots with the Winnipeg Jets is heating up.

After an off-season that saw four forwards from the Jets' playoff roster last April leave the club, the focus of Jets camp has been on the young players looking to crack the roster and become NHL players for the first time.

While blue-liner Josh Morrissey and goaltender Connor Hellebuyck will likely start the season with the Manitoba Moose due to a glut of contracts and established regulars at their positions, the intrigue of the next two weeks around the Jets will be what youngsters make the club up front. Here are the contenders:

**Nikolaj Ehlers** — Ehlers certainly has the inside track on a roster spot among all of the Jets hopefuls. The flashy Dane started the pre-season on a line with Mathieu Perreault and Alex Burmistrov, two players who look to be locks to play among the Jets top nine forwards. Showcasing his skill and speed, Ehlers looks ready to make the jump to the NHL and should be a special weapon for Paul Maurice to throw out during 3-on-3 overtime this season.



Joel Armia, left, and Brendan Lemieux, right, are battling other Jets prospects for a spot on the roster. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Nic Petan** — After getting a long look last season from the Jets in camp, Petan looks to crack the lineup in his first year as a pro. Starting the pre-season centring the fourth line, Petan has shown he has the skill and hockey sense to play with the best. While he may begin the season with the Moose, expect to see Petan get his shot this season with the Jets.

**Joel Armia** — Armia is a player Maurice has stated “he

needs to get to know better” during the pre-season. A 2011 first-rounder acquired in the Evander Kane trade, Armia has size and showed good defensive habits last year in St John’s of the AHL. He will be given every opportunity to show that he can contribute at both ends of the ice in the pre-season, and if he does he should find himself in the lineup come October.

**Brendan Lemieux** — Lemieux needs to show the Jets

he can be an impact player quickly as he cannot be sent to the AHL and would be returned to junior if not on the Jets’ NHL roster. While physically ready, Lemieux may be victim of the numbers game and off to the OHL in a few weeks.

**Andrew Copp** — Copp turned pro late last season and joined the Jets, making his NHL debut in the final regular-season game. Maybe the most pro ready of all the

Jets hopefuls, Copp will battle for the fourth-line centre position through the pre-season. Time with the Moose is certainly a possibility but expect to see Copp play with the big club this year.

After an off day Wednesday, the competition for jobs resumes Thursday night at the MTS Centre when the Jets host Connor McDavid and the Edmonton Oilers in their second of four home pre-season games.

MLB

## Angels gain more ground on Astros

David Freese hit a go-ahead two-run double in a three-run eighth inning to help the Los Angeles Angels rally for a 6-5 win over the Houston Astros on Wednesday to close in on the second AL wild-card spot.

Los Angeles took two of three in the series and pulled to within 1-1/2 games of Houston. The Astros fell to 2-1/2 games behind AL West-leading Texas, which played later Wednesday in Oakland.

The Astros took their first lead of the game in the seventh, and the Angels trailed 4-3 entering the eighth. Mike Trout hit a leadoff double off Will Harris (5-5) before David Murphy drew a walk with one out and Harris was replaced by Pat Neshek.

Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for coverage of Wednesday night's Blue Jays-Yankees game.

Freese's double sailed just beyond left-fielder Colby Rasmus' reach on the warning track and made it 5-4. Carlos Perez's RBI single made it 6-4 and chased Neshek.

Trevor Gott (3-2) induced the last two outs of the seventh for the win, and Huston Street allowed one run in the ninth before retiring Jed Lowrie for his 40th save.

George Springer had three RBIs and Carlos Correa added two for the Astros, who dropped two of three to the Angels heading into a pivotal weekend series with Texas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Yogi Berra pictured earlier this year with granddaughter Kay Berra. MEL EVANS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### OBITUARY

## Beloved Yankee Berra dead at 90

The lovable legend of Yogi Berra, that ain't ever gonna be over.

The Hall of Fame catcher renowned as much for his lovable, linguistically dizzying “Yogi-isms” as his unmatched 10 World Series championships with the New York Yankees, died Tuesday. He was 90.

Berra, who filled baseball's record book as well as Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, died of natural causes at his home in New Jersey, according to Dave Kaplan, the director of the Yogi Berra Museum.

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R.I.P.

Berra died on the same date, Sept. 22, as his big-league debut 69 years earlier.

Berra played in more World Series games than any other major leaguer, and was a three-time American League Most Valuable Player.

For many, though, he was even better known for all those amusing “Yogi-isms.”

“It ain't over till it's over” is among eight of them included in Bartlett's.

“When I'm sittin' down to dinner with the family, stuff just pops out. And they'll say, ‘Dad, you just said another one.’ And I don't even know what the heck I said,” Berra insisted.

Short, squat and with a homely mug, Berra was a Yankees great who helped the team reach 14 World Series during his 18 seasons in the Bronx.

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The Angels' Taylor Featherston throws over the Astros George Springer on Wednesday in Houston. BOB LEVEY/GETTY IMAGES



# NHL enters PTO overdrive

## FREE AGENCY

### With contracts scarce, dozens of vets resort to tryouts

By the time August rolled around, Curtis Glencross discovered his 500-plus games of NHL experience wasn't worth much in today's market. The veteran forward was still looking for a contract more than a month after free agency opened.

After the salary cap went up just \$2.1 million US, Glencross and dozens of established players had to sweat out a tough summer of free agency. Some, like former Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Cody Franson and former Winnipeg Jets forward Jiri Tlustý inked last-minute deals, while many others weren't so lucky.

"The July 1 wave, you want to ride that all the way to shore if you're a player," St. Louis Blues general manager Doug Armstrong said. "You don't want to have to paddle back out because the next wave takes a long time to come in."

Glencross and 26 other players who dressed for at least 10 NHL games last year went to camp on professional tryout agreements, the result of modern cap economics and a changing landscape for how free agency works.

"That's just the way the league's going," said winger Brad Boyes, who like Glencross is in Maple Leafs camp on a tryout. "You just see that everybody's got to adapt to the new rules and the way that the league is

shifting."

The Leafs have Glencross, Boyes, Devin Setoguchi and defenceman Mark Fraser on tryouts, commonly referred to as PTOs. The Blues lead the league with seven, most notably forwards Scott Gomez and Scottie Upshall.

Former Jets forward Lee Stempniak is on a PTO with the New Jersey Devils, longtime Boston Bruins forward Daniel Paille and former Colorado Avalanche defenceman Jan Hejda are trying to make the Chicago Blackhawks and veteran forward Tomas Fleischmann is trying to catch on with the Montreal Canadiens.

"Every summer is a little bit different, and this off-season

**"The star players are demanding a larger portion of the pie ... and it doesn't seem to reflect down to the rest of the players."**

Blues GM Doug Armstrong

there were a lot of qualified NHL players who didn't have contracts," Armstrong said in a phone interview. "I think teams are starting to understand and the top players are demanding the majority of the pie, and that leaves less and less and I think you're seeing a two-tiered system in the NHL."

But Armstrong doesn't believe this will be a long trend, saying the onus might be on players to recognize the changing market in a cap environment.

"The star players are demanding a larger portion of the pie, and as the cap goes up, the star players' income goes up and it doesn't seem to reflect down to the rest of the players," Armstrong said. "There could just be an understanding that this is the market now and players might sign earlier for maybe not what they thought they could've got three or four years ago but what this market bears."

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Former Winnipeg Jet Jiri Tlustý had to sweat through most of the summer before finally getting a one-year deal with the New Jersey Devils last week. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

## IN BRIEF

### Manziel sent back to bench

Johnny Manziel stood by waiting for Josh McCown to finish his interview session before it was his turn to address the Browns' decision to change quarterbacks.

Manziel won't make his second straight start on Sunday, and his return to a backup role stung deeply.

He's on hold again.

"It's obviously disappointing," Manziel said Wednesday. "I'm not going to sit here and say that I love the decision."

McCown was cleared from the NFL's concussion protocol Wednesday after missing one game and will start this week against Oakland, moving back ahead of Manziel, who threw two touchdown passes and led the Browns to a 28-14 win over Tennessee.

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### Swiss AG wants FIFA to hand over Valcke emails

Switzerland's Attorney General Michael Lauber wants FIFA to hand over emails used by Jerome Valcke, its secretary general who was suspended last week.

Valcke was implicated by a FIFA ticketing partner in using his FIFA and Google email accounts to discuss a 2014 World Cup black market tickets deal. Lauber's spokesman Andre Marty said the prosecutor asked FIFA lawyers to release Valcke's correspondence but so far, "FIFA didn't deliver this email information."

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### Pocock shines for Aussies as brave Fiji fall again

Australia struggled to put away a spirited Fiji side playing its second game in five days at the Rugby World Cup, winning 28-13 mainly thanks to a quick brace of first-half tries from No. 8 David Pocock on Wednesday.

Pocock twice dived over at the base of rolling mauls to help the Australians to an 18-3 halftime lead in their first Pool A game of the tournament.

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David Pocock scored two first-half tries for Australia. GETTY IMAGES

## NFL

### Chancellor ends holdout and reports to Seahawks

After nearly eight weeks of being absent and losing out on potentially more than \$2 million, Kam Chancellor returned to the Seattle Seahawks on Wednesday.

His holdout is over and the menacing presence of No. 31 could be back on the field for Seattle as early as Sunday.

"I just feel like the time is now. I've always been a guy who follows my heart. Just watching my teammates and my team play, week to week, that first and second game, watching those losses hurt me,

being the leader that I am," Chancellor said. "So I think the time is now to come back, put all business to the side and address that after the season, just get back to work."

Chancellor reported to the team's facility early Wednesday morning, ending a holdout that started when he missed the first day of training camp on July 31 and lingered through the 0-2 start to the regular season for the Seahawks, who lost to St. Louis and Green Bay.

Seattle will have a two-week roster exemption for Chancellor,



Kam Chancellor has missed two game cheques worth more than \$500,000.

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but he must be added to the active 53-man roster at least 24 hours prior to kickoff to play either this Sunday against Chicago or Monday, Oct. 5, against Detroit.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll said the team is planning for Chancellor to play against Chicago, but said that would be assessed as the week goes on.

"He is an integral part of our communications and all of that, of course," Carroll said. "And he's better than anyone in the world at doing what he does for us. So there's always

something that you miss, but that's well behind us and away we go."

At issue for Chancellor was his contract and having future money paid sooner. He signed a \$28 million, four-year extension during the 2013 off-season but that did not take effect until a year later. The Seahawks refused to budge on restructuring a contract that had so much time remaining, believing it would lead to a stream of players seeking new deals in the early stages of their contracts.

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## RECIPE Green Gazpacho



After hosting countless sunset dinner parties for friends and family, Katie Lee, co-host of The Food Network's *The Kitchen*, compiled her favourite summer recipes and entertaining tips into the *Endless Summer Cookbook* released earlier this year.

Here she shares a recipe for green gazpacho, "The avocado in this recipe adds an extra element of creaminess, and the lime juice evens out the flavors of the onion, garlic, and jalapeno."

### Serves 6-8

#### Ingredients

- 2 pounds Green Zebra tomatoes, cored and coarsely chopped, plus 1 Green Zebra tomato, cut into small wedges, for garnish
- 1 unpeeled seedless cucumber, coarsely chopped, plus 1 finely diced unpeeled cucumber for garnish
- 1 sweet onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 Hass avocado, chopped
- 1 small jalapeno, seeded
- 1 clove garlic
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 cup cold water

- 2 Tbsp fresh mint leaves, chopped, plus more whole leaves for garnish
- 2 Tbsp fresh cilantro leaves
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### Directions

1. In a blender, combine half of the coarsely chopped tomatoes, cucumber, and onion with the avocado, jalapeno, garlic, lime juice, and 1 cup cold water and blend until smooth. Transfer the purée to a large bowl.
2. Add the remaining coarsely chopped tomatoes, cucumber, and onion to the blender along with the mint, cilantro, and oil and pulse to a chunky purée. Add the purée to the bowl and stir well. Refrigerate the soup until well chilled, about 1 hour.
3. Season the soup with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with tomato wedges, diced cucumber, and mint leaves, and finish with a drizzle of oil. Serve cold.

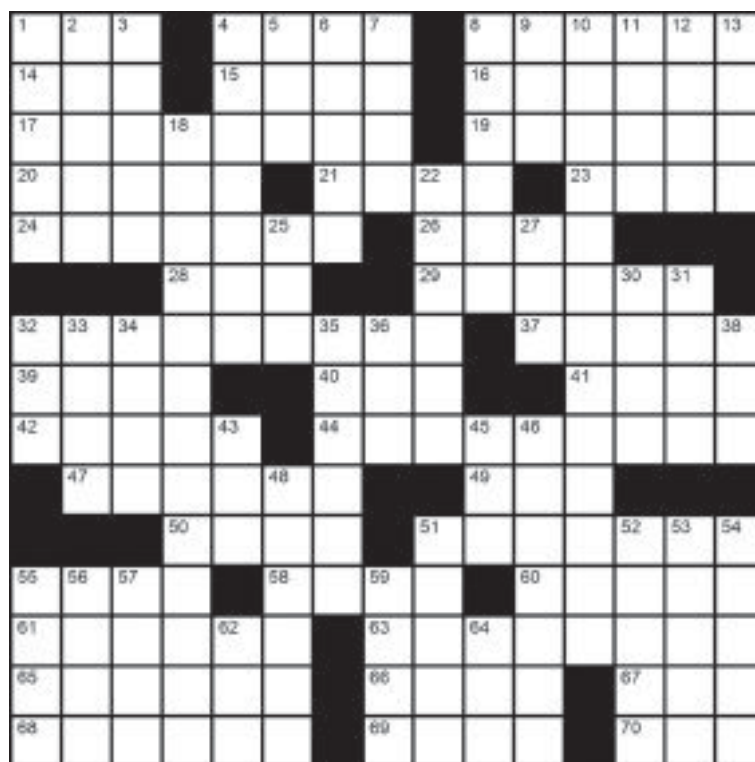
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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### ACROSS

1. Paraguay/Brazil border river
4. Flee
8. Action hero played by "The Simpsons" character Rainier Wolfcastle
14. Mr. Bellamy
15. Narrative
16. Certain graduate
17. Football field
19. Transplant the plant
20. Let the tea sit
21. Legal occupation [abbr.]
23. Bellow
24. Beat
26. Bionic Woman's hometown in California
28. Edwin McCain's "... Be"
29. Shows direction
32. Southern Alberta village near Lethbridge
37. Haida Gwaii - British Columbia... Anthony Island village which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, \_ Gwaay Llnagaay
39. \_ Brith
40. Tic-tac-toe win
41. Hold
42. Terra \_
44. Tiered temples of ancient Mesopotamia
47. "Would you like me to?": 2 wds.
49. Numero \_
50. Umbrella weather
51. Steadfast
55. H.G. Wells



- people
58. Decorative curved arch
60. Prefix with 'red'
61. Famous role for Johnny Weissmuller (b.1904 - d.1984)
63. Snuggly wraps
65. Monty Python-er John
66. Manage

67. Summer hrs. in Toronto
68. Baroque composer of the oratorio Messiah
69. Inputted info [abbr.]
70. \_ v. Wade

### DOWN

1. Anxiety

2. Eastern Ontario town; or, Western Australia city
3. "Bon voyage!"
4. Draw in a dotted manner
5. Automobile
6. Take \_ off (Relax)
7. Sleeping bag 'room'

8. Tori & Dean... Toronto-born chef/author Ms. Eustace: 2 wds.
9. Caves, on a scoreboard
10. Old \_ (Halifax cemetery founded in 1749 which is a National Historic Site of Canada)
11. Farm song bit:

- "Here \_ , there..."
12. "... pronounce you..." (Altar words)
13. Of all of Canada [abbr.]
18. DMZ = \_ Zone (Area separating North and South Korea)
22. Champion/leader: 2 wds.
25. Gremlin
27. Three-toed sloths
30. Scarlett's home
31. Annoyed state
32. American network
33. Artist Yoko, and surnamesakes
34. Tub
35. Flowing like molasses
36. French 'king'
38. Paper map's techie alternative
43. Tenn. neighbour
45. Stomach
46. Without assistance
48. Oscar-winner Mr. Barrymore
51. Apply a shirt button: 2 wds.
52. Raven, Cowboy or Patriot, e.g.
53. Words to live by
54. Potentially care-less swiftness
55. Inscribe
56. Los Angeles = \_ Land
57. \_ \_ Ishii ('Kill Bill' character)
59. 'Convul' suffix (Recuperate)
62. Peer Gynt's mother
64. \_ No. (Building dweller's unit)

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You should find it a lot easier to sit down with others and discuss your problems. Prepare to meet them halfway and your relationships will go from strength to strength.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Focus on the small print to make sure you are getting a good deal. You will have no one to blame but yourself if you overlook some apparently minor fact or figure and end up missing out on a major opportunity.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Take advantage of the good things on offer and don't doubt for a moment that you deserve them. You have done so much good for others, now let them do something for you.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Get tough with someone who refuses to face up to their problems. You could approach them with kindness but they've had plenty of that already. Tell them in no uncertain terms where they are going wrong.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Someone is a bit depressed and needs you to cheer them up. Calm their fears and remind them that life is still wonderful — and you are a wonderful friend.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You are strongly advised to make no hard and fast decisions until you have talked things over with people you trust. It could mean the difference between a big profit or a loss.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
A whole new chapter in your life has begun and you will soon forget about recent worries and woes. The plans you make now will set you on a more exciting course through life.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Partners and loved ones will want you to join in with their plans today and you would be wise to make the effort. The more you do for others now the more they will do for you.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You have a great deal of emotional energy at your disposal now — use it wisely. The last thing you want is to find yourself bickering with partners and loved ones for no good reason. Always aim for your highest ideal.

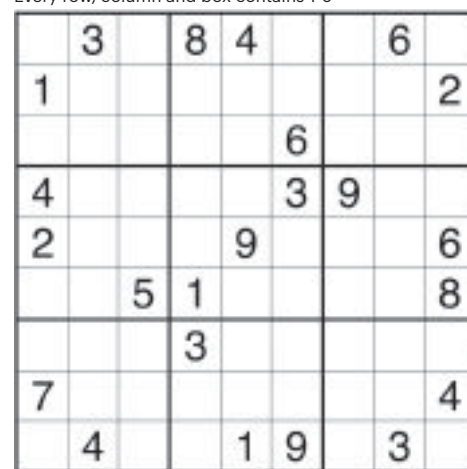
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
The Sun in Libra at this time of the year can help you reach your rightful place in the world which is, of course, at the very top. Give some thought as to what you want to accomplish and then make it happen.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Something is about to happen that will force you to question your view of the world, especially if that view is ultra rational and materialistic. Don't fight against it. The world is a stranger place than you know.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You do not need to ask permission to enjoy yourself, nor do you need to ask if it's okay to make money. Great riches can be yours.

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